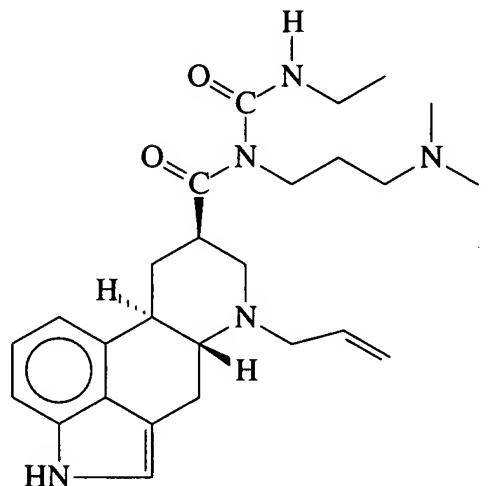


CLAIM AMENDMENTS

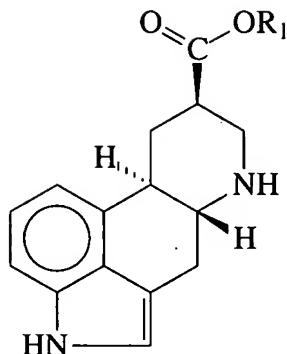
1. (previously presented) A process for preparing cabergoline (I)



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comprising the following steps:

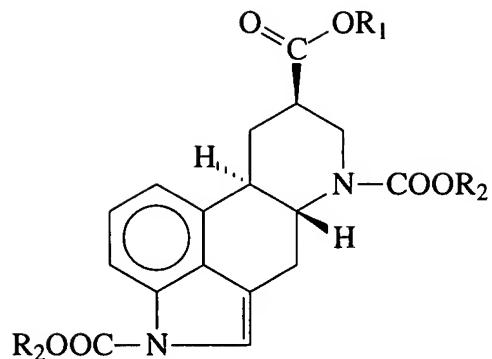
a) reacting the compound of formula (XIII)



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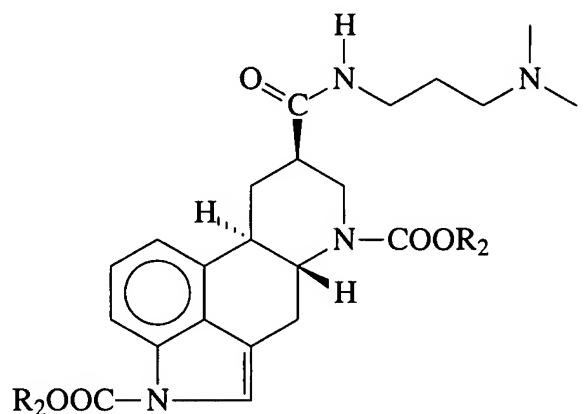
wherein R_1 is a C_{1-4} alkyl group, in the presence of a catalyst

- i) with a compound of formula (XIV), $X-COOR_2$ (XIV)
wherein R_2 is an optionally substituted straight or branched C_{1-6} alkyl group,
 X represents a bromine or chlorine atom, or
- (ii) with a compound of formula (XV), $O(COOR_2)_2$ (XV)
wherein R_2 is a group as defined above for formula (XIV);
[[[j]]] b) reacting the obtained carbamate derivative of formula (XVI)



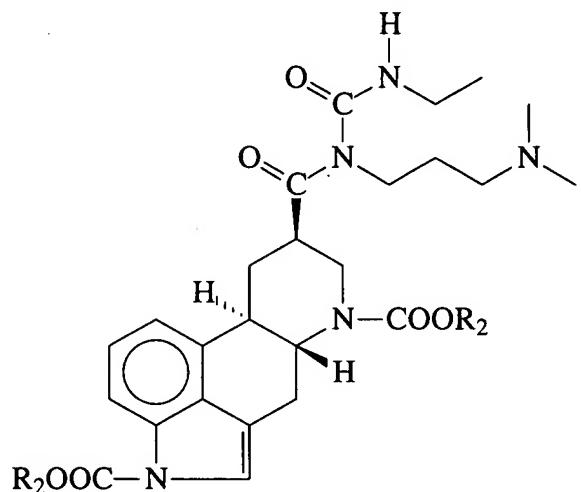
(XVI)

wherein R_1 and R_2 is a group as defined above, with 3-(dimethylamino)propylamine in the presence of a catalyst; [[(j)] c) reacting the obtained ergoline-8 β -carboxamide derivative of formula (XVII)



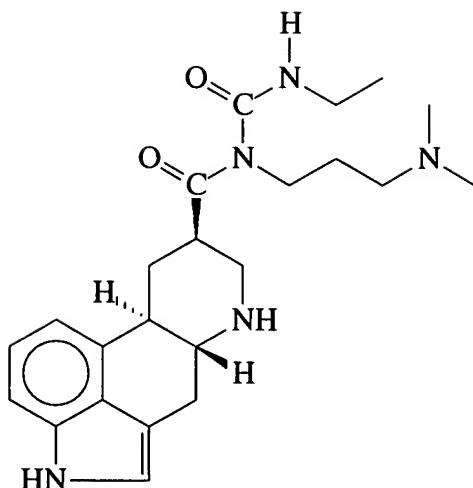
(XVII)

wherein R_2 is a group as defined above, with ethyl isocyanate in the presence of ligand(s) and Ib and IIB metal group salt catalyst; [[(j)]] d) reacting the obtained protected N-acylurea derivative of formula (XVIII)



(XVIII)

wherein R_2 is a group as defined above, with a strong aqueous inorganic acid; and [[(j)]] e) reacting the obtained secondary amine of formula (XIX)



(XIX)

with an electrophyl allyl alcohol derivative in the presence of a palladium or nickel containing catalyst and optionally in the presence of ligand(s) to form cabergoline (I).

2. (previously presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is methyl and R₂ is tert-butyl.

3. (currently amended) A process according to ~~any of claims 1 to 2~~ claim 1 wherein step (a) is carried out at a temperature of from 0°C to 50°C in the presence of 4-dimethylaminopyridine catalyst in a hydrocarbon halide solvent.

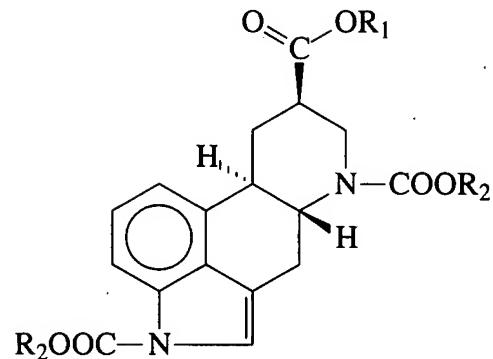
4. (currently amended) A process according to ~~any of~~ claims 1 to 2 claim 1 wherein step (b) is carried out at a temperature of from 50°C to 70°C in an C₁₋₆ alkyl alcohol solvent in the presence of 2-hydroxypyridine catalyst.

5. (currently amended) A process according to ~~any of~~ claims 1 to 2 claim 1 wherein step c) is carried out in hydrocarbon halide solvent, in the presence of copper(I) chloride and/or copper(II) chloride and/or copper(I) bromide and/or copper(I) iodide catalysts and triphenylphosphine or tri-*p*-tolylphosphine ligand at a temperature of from 30°C to 50°C.

6. (currently amended) A process according to ~~any of~~ claims 1 to 2 claim 1 wherein step (d) is carried out at a temperature of from 40°C to 80°C in aqueous hydrochloric acid.

7. (currently amended) A process according to ~~any of~~ claims 1 to 2 claim 1 wherein at step (e) the electrophyl allyl alcohol derivative is allyl acetate, the catalyst is tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0), and the reaction is carried out in an aromatic hydrocarbon solvent at a temperature of from 20°C to 50°C.

8. (previously presented) Compounds of formula (XVI)

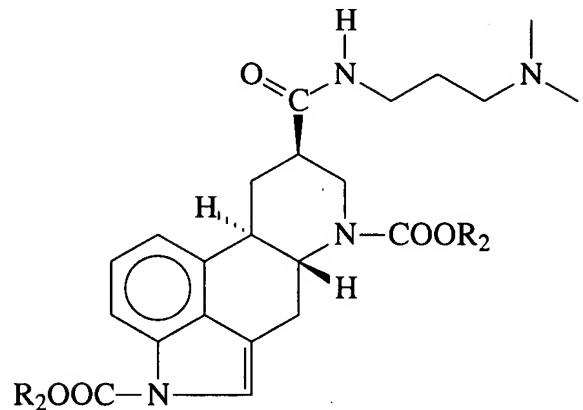


(XVI)

wherein R_1 represents a C_{1-4} alkyl group and R_2 represents an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl group.

9. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 8
wherein R_1 is methyl and R_2 is *tert*-butyl.

10. (previously presented) Compound of formula (XVII)

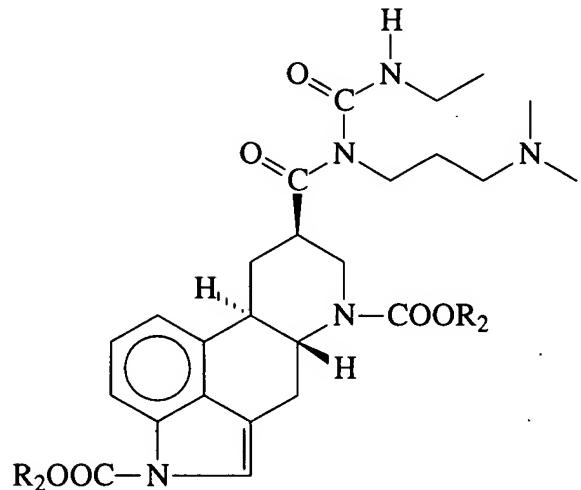


(XVII)

wherein R₂ represents an optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl group.

11. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 10 wherein R₂ is *tert*-butyl.

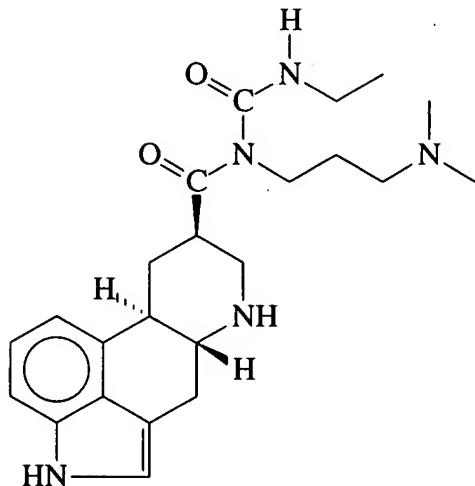
12. (previously presented) Compounds of formula (XVIII)



(XVIII)

wherein R₂ represents an optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl group.13. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 12 wherein R₂ is tert-butyl.

14. (previously presented) Compound of formula (XIX)



(XIX)

15. (currently amended) The polymorphic amorphous form of Cabergoline [(I)].

16. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of the polymorphic amorphous form of Cabergoline [(I)] wherein the chromatographically purified oily Cabergoline [(I)] is dissolved in a suitable organic solvent and from the obtained solution the solvent is partially removed several times in vacuum at a temperature of from 0°C to 30°C, until not oily but solid product is obtained.

17. (previously presented) A process according to claim 16 wherein the solvent is acetone, methyl acetate or dichloromethane.